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1. SWEDISH PM OLOF PAME MADE FOLLOWING STATEMENT ON SEPTEMBER
19TH RE LATEST DEATH SENTENCES IN SPAIN:

"IT IS WITH DISMAY THAT WE READ IN TODAY'S NEWSPAPERS ABOUT
THE NEW DEATH SENTENCES WHICH HAVE BEEN PRONOUNCED IN SPAIN
AFTER A SUMMARY TRIAL WHICH, ACCORDING TO ALL AVAILABLE IN-
FORMATION, HAS BEEN A CARICATURE OF JUSTICE. THE NEWS FROM
SPAIN HAS LATELY BEEN VERY DISTURBING. A NUMBER OF DEATH
SENTENCES HAVE BEEN PRONOUNCED, AND THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT
HAS, TOGETHER WITH MANY OTHERS, APPEALED TO THE SPANISH
GOVERNMENT NOT TO LET THESE SENTENCES BE CARRIED OUT. WHEN
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NOW AN ADDITIONAL FIVE YOUNG PERSONS, AMONG THEM TWO PREGNANT
WOMEN, HAVE BEEN SENTENCED TO BE EXECUTED IN A MEDIEVAL,
BARBARIC WAY, WE MUST ASK HOW LONG THIS CAN GO ON.

"SWEDISH OPINION OVERWHELMINGLY REACTS WITH HORROR AGAINST THE HARD SENTENCES IN MADRID. COUNTRIES WHERE THE PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IS AN ESSENTIAL PART OF THE STRIVING FOR JUSTICE AND WELFARE REPUDIATE MORE AND MORE STRONGLY THE HARD LINE THAT THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT HAS CHOSEN TO FOLLOW."

2. ACTING ON REQUEST OF THE FIVE RIKSDAG PARTIES, SPEAKER HENRY ALLARD REINFORCED PALME'S STATEMENT WITH TELEGRAM SENT TO FRANCO ON SEPTEMBER 25 WHICH SAID:

"I APPEAL TO YOU IN THE NAME OF BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS TO PREVENT THE CARRYING OUT OF THE ELEVEN DEATH SENTENCES WHICH HAVE RECENTLY BEEN PRONOUNCED IN YOUR COUNTRY."
JOHNSON

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